

POLITICAL PERIL REDMOND'S DEATH

Congressional Influence Long Exercised by Nationalist in Irish Difficulties

CONVENTION AT CRISIS

Credit Must Be Given Dead Leader if Situation Meets with Happy Solution

LONDON, March 8.—Political circles consider the death of John Redmond at the moment when the convention which is to settle the future of Ireland is having its most momentous sessions to be almost a disaster. During the weeks which the Irish convention has been busy trying to find a solution to the Irish problem, to which he gave his life, Mr. Redmond exercised a great influence and it is also known that there was a prospect of agreement that he must be given a great measure of credit for this state of affairs.

In fact, since he took over the leadership of the Irish Nationalists on the retirement of Parnell, Mr. Redmond has been the man who has fought for a settlement of the home rule question by parliamentary means. When the act granting self-government finally became a law in 1914 it was a great triumph for him and received recognition throughout the world.

That presented the act from being put into force, and while this was a great disappointment to Mr. Redmond he, nevertheless, stood by the English Government or, as he would have preferred to say, "the English democracy," in which he had great confidence, and which he believed would give Ireland received justice. His speech in the House of Commons supporting the Government's decision to enter the war because of the invasion of Belgium by Germany greatly enhanced his reputation in England, where he had always been popular and respected, and gained many converts for the cause which he championed.

Mr. Redmond declined a seat in the coalition cabinet of 1915, not because he had become a less ardent supporter of the Entente's war aims, but because he wanted to do no might injure Ireland and his party.

Since then his illness and family bereavement, which included the death of his brother William at the head of his battalion in France, took him out of the public eye, except on occasions when Irish questions required his attention.

PLAN FOR BOOSTING SALE OF WAR STAMPS

Chairmen of 47 County Committees Consider Patriotic Suggestions

Numerous plans for the selling of war savings and thrift stamps, as well as the general discussion as to the legal rate of interest of these stamps if the next Liberty Loan is to bring 4½ per cent interest, were the chief topics of discussion when the chairmen of the forty-seven war savings committees of Pennsylvania counties convened today at the Bellevue-Stratford.

A house-to-house canvass was the suggestion of C. Hendon, assistant director for the counties. Mr. Pendleton said that a parade of all citizens who have purchased these stamps would be a wise move. He felt that this would do much toward hastening the skeptical ones to invest in stamps.

Robert K. Cassatt, state director, felt that a system of education among the mothers and fathers of school children would be the best way to sell the stamps. He suggested that the committee of public safety allow the war savings organization the loan of their four-minute speakers.

One of the chairmen offered a new poster to be used in the campaign. It is copied largely after the Red Cross Christmas-drive posters, but instead of having a Red Cross as the center it has an American flag. It is to be used extremely successful in the Red Cross campaign, and it is hoped that the American eagle will be seen beside the Red Cross in every window.

A lively tilt between A. Lyons, Federal savings stamp director, and several of the county chairmen ensued when they differed as to the rate of interest these stamps ought to bear for the next issue. The former told the group to go to the same interest. Mr. Lyons explained that there could be no increase in interest until Congress authorized it, and that if Congress did fix the interest on the next Liberty Loan at a higher rate the interest-bearing rate of the stamps should be raised proportionately.

Other speakers made suggestions made by the various chairmen included handbills depicting patriotic subjects to be shown in the rural districts and prisons to be offered to competing schools to push the sale of stamps. One chairman told of his work in organizing fraternal societies throughout the State and reported that \$1,000,000 worth of stamps were bought by these societies.

Co-operative war-savings committees were advanced in the drive. The members decided to request all persons who had had experience in pushing the various other drives to help them in this new patriotic endeavor to increase the sale of war savings and thrift stamps.

LIEUT. WETHERILL BETTER

Young Naval Officer Recovering at Home From Attack of Pneumonia

Lieutenant John P. Wetherill, Jr., who several days ago was stricken with an attack of pneumonia, is recovering in New York. His condition, however, is not so good as he was expected to be.

Lieutenant C. Heckerhill, also in the navy, shortly after America entered the war offered his services to the government and was trained on the Deltawoods and at Cape May, and of late has been to see him adapt yachts to gunboats. He is a member of the Yacht Club and of the Hunting Valley and Philadelphia Country

RECREATION AS WAR NEED

Drama League Meeting to Urge Support of Theatre

In time of war, even more than in peace, it is of the utmost importance that due attention be paid to the recreation of the public, according to James Francis Cooke, president of the Drama League, which is to meet at the Forrest Theatre at 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon to urge the support of music and the drama during the war.

Doctor Moore was born in Philadelphia fifty-two years ago. In 1905 he was graduated from the Medical-Chirurgical College and Hospital of the University of the City of Philadelphia. He was a member of the John Hopkins Anatomical and Surgical Society, the Molineau Society, the American Medical Society, the Physician's Motor Club. He was also prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Polk Lodge No. 246, F. & A. M., Palestine Chapter, and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

The meeting Tuesday will be attended by many distinguished men and women. Among the speakers will be Herbert J. Dorn, president of the Drama League; Judge Joseph P. Rotter, Montgomery Hugh T. Henry, the Rev. Dr. M. Steele, Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, and John Philip Sousa.

JERSEY CITIES UNITE TO FIGHT FARE BOOST

146 Municipalities Plan Co-ordinated Action Against 7-Cent Trolley Rate

TRENTON, March 8.—Concerted action by 146 municipalities in New Jersey which would be affected by the increased rates proposed by the Public Service Railway Company is said to be assumed. Action already has been taken by the authorities of a number of the municipalities involved, in anticipation of formal protests to be presented before the Public Utility Commission at the hearing scheduled for next Thursday. A postponement of the hearing may be granted to permit the cities to meet to prepare their side of the case.

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Particularly interesting was his explanation of the delay of shipments from the United States which, he said, was caused by proposals in Congress that the world of wheat should be raised. The result of these proposals was that farmers and dealers naturally held their grain to meet the United States free of charge for any purpose the Government wanted to employ it.

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